



T-6A team launches 2005 air show season

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The Air Education and Training Command West Coast T-6A Texan II Aerial Demonstration Team kicks off its 2005 air show season this weekend with a performance in Brownsville, Texas.

The AETC team, based here at Randolph, has 12 air shows on its schedule from now through July.

Although the second half of the schedule from August to November has not been finalized, the team will perform in front of its hometown crowd on both days of Randolph's air show Nov. 5-6.

Normally six members of the 12-person team take two airplanes to each air show, although only one plane is used for the demonstration and the other is a backup.

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The team performs about a 15-minute show that runs the T-6 through several aerobatic maneuvers designed to showcase the capabilities of the Air Force's newest trainer while highlighting the undergraduate pilot training mission of AETC.

At some shows, World War II-era AT-6s fly in formation with the T-6 after performances in a "Texan Flight" that serves to honor the heritage of the aviators and aircraft that forged today's modern Air Force.

The team held its Heritage Flight conference here last weekend to plan and practice their formation maneuvers.

Maj. Gen. Buster Ellis, 19th Air Force commander who oversees the flying training mission for the command, opened the conference.

"The last time American ground troops were fired on from an enemy aircraft was in the Korean War. That's because guys like you secured the air over the battlefields," he told the team.

The general was emphatic when he spoke to the small group of pilots and support people, along with the five civilian pilots of the AT-6 Texan vintage aircraft who will fly in some of the air shows with them.

"One of the things we'll fight hard to do is preserve our heritage," he continued. "In the current battle of the budget during this global war on terror, funds will always be tight, but we'll scratch and claw to hold on to the heritage that you guys represent."

Capt. Ed Martin, a T-6A Texan II pilot from the 558th Flying Training Squadron, reviewed the flight maneuvers for the heritage portion of the air show. Using his hands to illustrate the maneuvers, he demonstrated how the old and new aircraft position themselves for various passes.

Everyone in the room was well aware of the show parameters, but they all listened intently. This is not a game. An air show is serious business to these professional airmen. Captain Martin reminded them even though there may be 30 feet between two aircraft, from the crowd's perspective it may look like three feet. Skill, showmanship and safety always work together for a successful performance.

Captain Martin also did a quick review of hand signals, which are often used for communication between pilots in the air. Visual contact is essential when flying in close formation, so hand signals are a natural part of the visual cues.

The crowds at air shows do not hear the radio traffic or see the hand signals between pilots. What they do hear is the narrator who weaves a story line into the aerial dance. Capt. Josh Jackson is one of the two narrators for this year's show. He is an instructor navigator in the 562nd Flying Training Squadron.

"It's a real honor to be chosen for this position on the team," he said. "The fact that a navigator is part of the team is an indication of the way the team draws people of many skills together."



Pilot Maj. Sean Hook and crew chief Jose Sarabia, Air Education and Training Command West Coast T-6A Demonstration Team, prepare their aircraft for another air show. (Photo by Steve White)

President nominates General Looney to head AETC



Lt. Gen. William Looney

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – President George Bush nominated Lt. Gen. William Looney to be the next commander of Air Education and Training Command, Air Force officials announced Feb. 28.

General Looney, who also is nominated for his fourth star, is the commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

As ASC commander and program executive officer for aircraft procurement and modernization, he leads the Air Force's center of excellence for development and acquisition of aeronautical systems.

The center is responsible for the management of more than 50

major programs, an annual budget of \$18 billion and employs a work force of approximately 12,000 people and 37 units worldwide.

General Looney is a graduate of the Air Force Academy. The general has commanded a flight, a fighter squadron, two fighter wings, an air expeditionary force, a warfare center and a numbered Air Force. Prior to assuming command of ASC, General Looney served as the commander for the Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, Mass. He is a command pilot with more than 3,900 flying hours, including 62 in combat and 2,500 in the F-15 Eagle.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday Pilot Instructor Training			Navigator, EWO training				Wing Flying Hour Program			
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall	562nd FTS	563rd FTS			Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
99th FTS	-2.0	1.8	Air Force 298	Undergraduate	38		T-1A	4958.3	5014.6	12,184
558th FTS	-3.7	0.7	Navy 72	International	0		T-6A	7131.2	7088.3	17,290
559th FTS	-9.2	-4.4	International 0	EWC Course	0		T-37B	3813.5	3693.0	8,284
560th FTS	-1.1	-0.1	NIFT 38	Fundamentals	21		T-38C	4019.4	4008.2	9,729
							T-43	1784.3	1778.0	4,293

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.

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Col. John Hesterman
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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AETC Command Chief Reflects on Career

By Chief Master Sgt. Karl Meyers
Command Chief Master Sergeant
Air Education and Training Command

The first time I raised my right hand and took an oath to protect this country is a day forever ingrained in my memory. I can still feel the rush of pride coupled with the anticipation of the unknown as I repeated those words. Now, 27 years later, I'm experiencing those same feelings all over again. Only this time the pride comes from opportunities and experiences I've had in my Air Force career that have made my oath more than just words. And the anticipation – well, that's for whatever comes after retirement.

I've tried to use this time before I say my official good-byes to reflect on the paths I have chosen and the impressions I have left behind.

During my Air Force career, I've been happy to make a difference where I could. I am proud to have served in an organization that puts high values on human life, dignity and respect, diversity, customs and courtesies, education, and freedom and democracy. Those of us in the First Command have what we believe is the Air Force's most important mission; training America's sons and daughters. The people in Air Education and Training Command have the unique opportunity to shape our Airmen from day one and I feel privileged to end my career where so many new ones begin.

Since 1947, we have been shaping our Air Force to be the best. AETC is continuously changing the way we train troops for deployments with recent initiatives such as the Expeditionary Combat Airman, Battlefield Airman Concept and Battlefield Combat Convoy Course. These initiatives are better preparing our Airmen for challenges they may face across the globe.

We will never be finished making improvements and changes to better our processes and people. With a force of highly professional, educated and extremely motivated Airmen, there are no boundaries to what we are capable of tomorrow.

As I enter the final days of my career I'd like to leave you with these thoughts. I challenge you to do your best each and every day. The Air Force is full of opportunities – step up to these challenges and volunteer for leadership positions. Most importantly, take care of people and they will take care of you.

It has truly been my pleasure to serve with you. Always remember, your role as a military member is an important one, providing freedom for more than 300 million Americans is not something anyone should take lightly. Thank you for serving your country and ensuring the oath we all take is more than just words.

(Editor's note: Chief Meyers retires today and Chief Master Sgt. Rodney Ellison, the command chief master sergeant for Air Combat Command, will succeed him.)

Remembering every person brings unique outlook to team

By Capt. Andrea Justice
379th Air Expeditionary Wing
Military Equal Opportunity Office

(Captain Justice is currently deployed from the 12th Flying Training Wing MEO office.)

As a young Airman in the F-16 Falcon avionics career field, I was the only female on day shift in a male-dominated career field.

One Saturday I came in with a seasoned technical sergeant to work on some avionic units that needed to be repaired. We had a particularly difficult unit to work on because of its size and weight. It was the size of two car batteries, weighed 70 pounds and was loaded with electrostatic sensitive circuit cards. Needless to say, it was difficult to maneuver.

After taking one of the screws out of the component, the sergeant dropped the screw in between some of the circuit cards. We looked at each other, looked down into the unit and started scratching our heads. We couldn't turn the unit over, nor could we use

something magnetic to retrieve the screw, so we were definitely in a bind.

After about two minutes of contemplating the situation, I went to the snack bar and came back chewing gum. The sergeant was a little miffed that I'd just walked off without helping him figure out how to get the wayward screw out of the unit.

But, when I returned to the test station, I picked up a long-handled screw driver, pulled the gum I was chewing out of my mouth, stuck it on the screwdriver, put it down in between the circuit cards, and pulled out the screw that was now neatly stuck in the chewed up piece of gum.

The sergeant's jaw dropped and he confessed he would have never thought of that solution in a million years, and he was a 12-year veteran of the avionics career field as opposed to my two stripes and six months in the career field.

We all bring something unique to the fight, whether we're at the end of our careers or just starting out. It's a challenge sometimes to allow our

fellow Airmen an opportunity to show their skills and listen to their ideas, especially when their ideas may seem unconventional.

However, when we take the time to really listen and encourage those around us to bring their own ideas and solutions to the table in whatever challenges we face, then we make great things happen. Sometimes it's the lowest ranking Airman who has the solution, and sometimes it's the senior officer or someone in between – but we all have something to contribute.

What do you bring to the fight? Have you taken every opportunity to show your fellow Airmen that you're ready for any challenge?

You may have a solution that would rival a rocket science equation or it may be as simple as a stick of gum on a screwdriver. We all have an obligation to not only share our ideas and solutions, but also to listen to other ideas and solutions, and recognize that we should all be receptive to the skills and talent that we each bring to the fight.

Congratulations to Today's Retirees

Lt. Col. Morris Benson
Air Education
and Training Command

Lt. Col. Steven March
Electronics Systems Center

Chief Master Sgt.
Walter Harris
Joint Personal Property
Shipping office

Senior Master Sgt.
Ronald Pinson
AETC

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2005 AETC West Coast T-6A Texan II Aerial Demonstration Team



A T-6A Texan II from the 558th Flying Training Squadron and a World War II-era T-6 Texan practice maneuvers here Saturday in preparation for the 2005 air show season. The aircraft are part of the “Texan Flight” that takes place after some Air Education and Training Command T-6A Texan II West Coast Aerial Demonstration Team performances at air shows around the country. (Photo by Steve White)

Schedule*

March 12-13	Brownsville, Texas
March 19-20	Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.
April 2-3	Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
April 16	Laughlin AFB, Texas
April 30	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
May 1	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
May 7-8	Temple, Texas
May 13-15	Langley AFB, Va.
May 28-29	Jones Beach, N.Y.
June 4-5	Manitowoc, Wisc.
June 18-19	Akron, Ohio
July 2-3	Traverse City, Mich.
July 29-31	Oshkosh, Wisc.



Roster

Pilots

Maj. Sean Hook
Capt. Jeffrey Stift

Narrators

Maj. Brian May
Capt. Josh Jackson

Ground Safety Observers

Lt. Col. Carey McKinney
Lt. Col. David Wright

Crew Chiefs

James Scott
Margarito Gutierrez
Earl Hermon
Michael Herring
Gerardo Villareal
Frank Hernandez

* Dates for August-November not yet released

Civilians to use myPay only

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Effective March 31, all Department of the Air Force civilian employees are required to use myPay to print their pay statements.

Paper copies of the pay statements will no longer be sent through the mail from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Civilian employees may request personal identification numbers via e-mail through the Web site <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>, by selecting the option “e-mail PIN.”

Tests run by officials show it takes about two hours for a new PIN to arrive back at the sender’s computer. Customers may also visit the finance customer service desk in Pittsenbarger Hall, Building 399, to request a myPay PIN at the counter.

According to finance officials, myPay is a secure, private and fast system.

It can be used not only to print out pay statements two days before a payday, but also to access pay statements for the past 12 months, as well as forms W-2 and W-4.

It can also be used to start, stop or change allotments to financial institutions, change direct deposit bank accounts, and change thrift savings plan and home mailing addresses. In addition, there is a provision to establish a read-only PIN for a spouse. Another important feature is the system can be accessed from any computer.

Questions about using myPay can be sent by e-mail to finance.callcenter@randolph.af.mil.

Additional information can be found at www.dfas.mil/money.

February re-enlistees announced

Twenty-six Airmen re-enlisted in February:
Air Education and Training Command

Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Cuppy
Master Sgt. Jorge Garcia
Staff Sgt. Kimberly Marshall
Master Sgt. Jonnie Queen
Staff Sgt. Maurice Simmons
Master Sgt. Terry Todd

Air Force Personnel Center

Staff Sgt. Rebecca Elkins
Staff Sgt. Ana Garcia
Tech. Sgt. Marisa Hennington
Master Sgt. Andrea Spencer
Senior Airman Tashia Starkes
Master Sgt. Lori Ann Surgnier
Tech. Sgt. Darren Zabawczuk

12th Mission Support Group

Senior Airman Christopher Johnson
Staff Sgt. Desiree Ybarra

19th Air Force

Master Sgt. Todd Hittinger

12th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Alexa Arredondo
Staff Sgt. Chad Lee

12th Medical Operations Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Olga Lantagne

12th Medical Support Squadron

Senior Airman Alejandro Hernandez

12th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. Nathan Combs
Staff Sgt. Christopher Perry

Air Force Recruiting Service

Tech. Sgt. Candace Escobedo

1st Manpower Requirements Squadron

Senior Master Sgt. Larry Leonard

Air Force Element

Staff Sgt. Kimberley Beavers
Staff Sgt. Shawn Hamilton

Air Force announces senior master sergeant promotions

Forty-four Randolph master sergeants received the great news Wednesday that they are on the senior master sergeant promotion list.

They are among the 1,535 selected out of 16,708 sergeants eligible Air Force-wide for a 9.19 percent selection rate.

The promotees are:

Air Education and Training Command

Leroy Ainsworth
Delbert Anderson
Robert Angeli
Melvin Clemmons
Amy Espinoza
Floyd Garrett
Jeffrey Henderson
Charles Johnson
Rongi Langham
Yvette Leonard
Kenneth Lunsford
Peter Meuchelboeck
Jay Soileau
Nathaniel Tennyson
Christin Trainor
Dennis Whitley
Terrence Williams
Prince Wright
Robert Zitkus
19th Air Force
Christopher Dockery
Todd Hittinger
Michael Wisher
12th Security Forces Squadron
Richard Sherman

12th Mission Support Squadron

Douglas Byrd

12th Communications Squadron

Chad Becker

Air Force Personnel Center

Victor Basal
Tammy Brangard
Rhonda Britt
Brian Chasse
Jeffrey Dellarocco
Donald Gulledge
Jimmy Jones
William Moore
Walter Myhre
Thomas Sock
Bernard Taylor
Colleen Zuniga

Air Force Recruiting Service

Tony Brown
Darick Carter
Bradley Elkjer
Weldon Selders

Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron

Shannon Polit
Air Force Services Agency
Matthew Morgan
William Moulder

Randolph announces best of 2004

By Michael Briggs
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The base community recognized its top performers of 2004 when 11 people received Team Randolph Annual Awards March 3 at the enlisted club.

Nominees from the host 12th Flying Training Wing and Randolph tenant units competed for the annual recognition that honors people for their work during the previous calendar year.

Senior Airman Germaine Jamerson is an air traffic controller in the 12th Operations Support Squadron. He won the junior enlisted member category for handling more than 80,000 operations that resulted in the upgrade of nearly 500 instructor pilots in 2004. Among those flight operations, he was commended for helping recover 14 aircraft that unexpectedly diverted to Randolph. He was also recognized as the top trainer in the tower by helping get two Airmen who were having difficulty with their skill-level upgrade training.

As the NCO in charge of the Vehicle Management Flight for the 12th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Chad Wittnebel received the noncommissioned officer award for handling the daily personnel and duty issues for 47 military members in the absence of senior NCO leadership. He stepped in as maintenance foreman when the person holding that position was on temporary duty, he guided operations that surpassed Air Education and Training Command standards across the board including a 97 percent in-commission rate for fire trucks and refuelers.

Getting important information to more than 1.3 million people who needed it helped land Master Sgt. Randy Mitchell the senior NCO award. The superintendent of public affairs for the Air Force Personnel Center developed an information campaign that targeted a shortfall within the missile career field. Within 48 hours, more than 80 people had called AFPC to crosstrain. He increased the amount of stories provided by the AFPC News Service by 90 percent which helped generate nearly 100 stories in the nationally published Air Force Times.

Capt. Jason Beck, chief of the resources branch for AETC Security Forces, won the company grade officer of the year award. He worked budgets and personnel issues at home and conducted force protection operations while deployed last year. He identified a shortfall in the command's contract guard program and received \$11 million for seven bases. He also spearheaded an effort that garnered more than \$900,000 to help 13 security forces units bolster their base defense. While deployed to Southwest Asia, Captain Beck led security details for former President Bill Clinton, then Air Force Secretary James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper.

Nancy Walsh, junior civilian winner, is a secretary in AETC Communications and Information who was credited for flawlessly organizing and directing a weeklong conference for 171 senior communications professionals. The project involved transportation and lodging issues, developing the agenda and briefing slides, and executing the conference. She was also responsible for accurate and on-time completion of 118 performance appraisals. Ms. Walsh, as work group manager, completed the upgrade of equipment in her unit's conference room with no down time during a busy meeting schedule.

A readiness systems analyst at AFPC, Michael Chieves recieved the civilian intermediate award. He was instrumental in his unit's transition to a new manpower and personnel system, taking a stand-alone system and integrating it into the Global Command and Control System. His completion of the project on time and within budget saved the Air Force \$9 million and involved the Air Staff, major commands and several direct reporting units.

Linda Martinez, senior civilian winner, is a financial management specialist for AFPC who leads a five-person team that executes a budget of more than \$140 million. She was credited for executing her budget with 99.9 percent accuracy. She completed permanent change of station programs so well the Air Force gave her control of a \$118 million central salary account. Ms. Martinez tracked five cost centers using the account resulting in a nearly flawless execution of the program.



**Senior Airman
Germaine Jamerson**
Junior Enlisted Member



Tech. Sgt. Chad Wittnebel
NCO



**Master Sgt.
Randy Mitchell**
Senior NCO



Capt. Jason Beck
Company Grade Officer



Nancy Walsh
Junior Civilian



Michael Chieves
Intermediate Civilian



Linda Martinez
Senior Civilian



Master Sgt. Dean Ferris
First Sergeant



Master Sgt. Paul Rancier
Additional Duty First Sgt.



Senior Airman Nicholas Lang
Honor Guard Junior Enlisted



Staff Sgt. Melissa Ross
Honor Guard NCO

As first sergeants, Master Sgts. Dean Ferris, first sergeant winner and Paul Rancier, additional duty first sergeant winner, were recognized for taking care of nearly 500 military members and their families. Sergeant Ferris, currently with the 12th Medical Group and formerly with the 12th LRS, served as the liaison between 25 LRS people deployed and their families here. He also served as the dorm council liaison and guided the council's development of its top five quality of life issues. Three of the issues have been resolved, making life better for residents of Randolph's dorms. Sergeant Ferris also helped two suicidal Airmen in 2004 resulting in both lives saved.

Sergeant Rancier used his position as 12th Operations Group additional duty first sergeant to mentor more than 70 members of the group. He encouraged a person who had been incarcerated to share his experiences with an Airman Leadership School class as a deterrent and information for these young leaders. He provided quality control of more than 35 performance reports and decorations.

Senior Airman Nicholas Lang, honor guard junior enlisted winner, is a ground radio maintenance journeyman in the 12th Communications Squadron who was recognized as the top Airmen of 13 in B Flight. He performed military honors at 80 funeral ceremonies in 2004 and served as NCO in charge of several of those details. Airman Lang was picked over 100 other ceremonial guardsmen from six bases to serve as an elite color guard member at the Order of the Sword Induction Ceremony for Lt. Gen. John Hopper, AETC vice commander.

Staff Sgt. Melissa Ross, honor guard NCO of the year, is in charge of support officer assignments at the AETC Directorate of Personnel and serves as the first sergeant for the honor guard's B Flight. She performed at 105 honor guard events including 68 funerals. Her highlights in 2004 include serving as NCO in charge of the color guard at a

NEWS BRIEFS

AFAF campaign underway

The Randolph Air Force Assistance Fund "Commitment to Caring" in conjunction with the Air Force wide AFAF campaign, gives members an opportunity to contribute to any of four Air Force related charities.

The charities support active-duty, Reserve, Guard, Air Force retirees, surviving spouses, and families. Each charity receives 100 percent of designated contributions.

Cash, check, money order or payroll deductions are accepted and are tax deductible.

For more information, visit <http://af-assistancefund.org>.

For more information on Randolph's campaign, call Maj. Rick Fofi at 652-4931.

Jogger safety

Base civil engineers remind joggers using the east perimeter road that construction is continuing near Eberle Park. Both runners and workers should exercise caution and patience in these work areas. Weather permitting, construction of the new parking areas should be completed by the end of the month.

Web site moved

Effective March 2, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service public Web site has moved to www.dod.mil/dfas. The old site, www.dfas.mil remains active through the end of March.

Membership drive and banquet

The 2005 Air Force Association membership drive is under way and runs through the end of March. The Alamo Chapter hosts the annual Joe Kellogg Blue Suit banquet at the Airport Hilton Hotel, March 31. Tickets may be purchased from 1st Lt. Edith Coon at 652-1205, or Master Sgt. Pedro Lopez-Cruz at 652-6934.

IDEA program

The Air Force's Idea Program Data System is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. All military personnel and Department of Defense civilians are eligible and encouraged to participate.

Ideas can be submitted from an office computer by going to <https://ipds.mont.disa.mil/IPDS>.

For more information, call the 12th Mission Support Squadron manpower and organization flight at 652-2590.

Free theme park admission

The Anheuser-Busch Company is offering free single-day admission to its theme parks, including Sea World of San Antonio, to servicemembers, including Guard and Reserve. The offer runs through Dec. 31. A Department of Defense photo ID card is required at the gate.

Eligible servicemembers can register for free admission online or at the entrance plaza of each park. Service members may bring as many as three direct dependents. Military family members can take advantage of the offer without their military sponsor being present, but an adult must accompany minor children.

local parade attended by more than 3,500 people and leading a contingent of 20 people at an active-duty funeral in Houston. Based on her professionalism, she was selected for escort duty for the start of San Antonio's annual Fiesta celebration hosted by Gen. Don Cook, AETC commander.

Separating Airmen have Guard, Reserve options

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

“Don’t lose what you’ve already earned,” warns Master Sgt. Carol Metheney, Air Force Reserve in-service recruiter with the 12th Flying Training Wing.

She uses the phrase often throughout the course of a day, but Sergeant Metheney says it’s the strongest message she has in her arsenal of reasons for staying connected with the Air Force.

From her office on Randolph, the sergeant covers all the San Antonio Air Force bases and Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, Texas, with her message for people who are considering how to terminate their active duty careers short of retirement.

Airmen who are thinking about separating from the service may be eligible for transfer into Reserve or Air National Guard units without loss of education or retirement benefits, she said, but the rules that apply can be complicated.

“The most important thing is we deal with people as individuals and place them in specific units and positions,” Sergeant Methemey said. “That makes us different from other military recruiters. If I can’t find a Reserve position, there may be one available in the Guard.”

This is when the second half of the base in-service recruiting team comes in. Master Sgt. Jim Jeter is a full time ANG in-service recruiter. He is responsible for working transitions into the Guard for people from all Air Force bases in Texas and Oklahoma.

With a rapid fire, one-two punch, the two recruiters tell their story at the monthly briefings for Airmen considering separation. They know their subjects so well, they can almost finish the other person’s sentences. They’re even neighbors, Sergeant Jeter said, and their families are good friends.

But for an officer or enlisted person who is thinking about separating from the Air Force, the close teamwork they bring to the table means people will be matched against the options that best meet their personal desires and capabilities. Both recruiters have access to unit manning requirements of their respective organizations throughout the country, so they can help the potential Guardsman or Reservist find the right niche.

In addition to retirement at age 60, the benefits now include full time access to military commissaries and exchanges. The two sergeants pointed out that the education benefits are also attractive but vary from state to state for Guard people.

The key to gaining access to the benefits, however, is timing the transition from active duty to Guard or Reserve units. Missing even one day after separation may make all the difference in eligibility.

“I can speak from personal experience,” said Tech. Sgt. Tammi Barnett, now an Individual Mobilization Augmentee assigned to Headquarters Air Education and Training Command. “It took about six months to complete the transition, but Sergeant Metheney helped me find just the right place in the Reserve Affairs office.”

Sergeant Barnett was a staff sergeant on Randolph with over seven years on active duty when she made the decision to transfer to the Reserve.

“It was a good experience,” she said. “I’m happy with the way the system worked for me.”

She works now to place other IMAs throughout the command.

Sergeants Metheney and Jeter recommend any officer or enlisted person who is considering separating from the service short of retirement should contact either of them to set up an appointment for transition counseling. They will work together to find the best fit for each person.

Sergeant Metheney can be reached at 652-7532 and Sergeant Jeter at 652-5202.



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Personal travel card information lost, no evidence of misuse

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – About 900,000 Defense Department employees may be affected by Bank of America’s loss and the possible compromise of government travel card information, Pentagon officials said Feb. 25.

The General Services Administration and Bank of America notified DoD officials that “SmartPay” travel cards are affected. Officials said Bank of America has been monitoring the affected accounts, and there has been no evidence of fraud or misuse of the accounts.

Bank of America officials are sending letters to affected employees.

“Information regarding travel card program accounts for individual cardholders has been lost, and it is

possible the information has been compromised, though we don’t believe this is the case,” said Teresa McKay, the Defense Department’s deputy chief financial officer.

Secret Service agents are conducting the investigation, with help from the Defense Criminal Investigative Service. Officials said although there has been no evidence of criminal activity, release of details on the circumstances of the loss could jeopardize the investigation.

“Indications are it is an accidental event,” Ms. McKay said.

The information is personal cardholder information – names, Social Security numbers, addresses and account numbers – on magnetic tape. The loss occurred in late December. GSA officials notified DOD on Jan. 19. Ms. McKay said the delay was necessary to protect the integrity of the investigation.

“The bank is in the process of notifying cardholders of the situation,” she said. “They will be given a special customer service number that has been set up by the bank specifically for this purpose. If (cardholders) have any questions, they can contact the bank. If they would like, they may request the bank cancel the card and reissue a card to them.”

“It’s always prudent for any cardholder to monitor their monthly statements (and) dispute any charges they may question, and also it’s important for all of us to get a credit report at least once a year and look at the content of that report,” she said.

Bank of America has set up a hotline number at (800) 493-8444. Cardholders who notice irregularities in their accounts should call the Bank of America at the number printed on the back of their cards.

Affected cardholders can contact Bank of America for information on obtaining a free credit report.

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☆ Air Force officials announced a new policy governing the accounting of leave time. Under the new rules, leave days will not be charged for both the day of departure and the day of return, unless either day is a non-duty day. Members will also be authorized a four-day “proceed time” during transfer to or from an unaccompanied short tour.

☆ Randolph physical conditioning specialist Gail “Swede” Parkin was selected to be a member of the 1975 American women’s volleyball team. The team will play in the Pan American games and prepare for the 1976 Olympics.

AF keeps contact with missing persons families

By Tech. Sgt. James Brabenec
AFPC Public Affairs

Wearing a nametag with the name of his brother, Airman 1st Class James Kelly, on it, Raymond Kelly, a 74-year-old veteran, personifies the families of unaccounted for servicemembers and their continued efforts to find closure for the loss of their loved ones.

In 1951, Airman Kelly's aircraft crashed in North Korea during the Korean War, and ever since Raymond has searched for answers about his brother's disappearance.

The Defense Department provided some answers during a regional Family Member Update in San Antonio Feb. 26 for the families who live within 350 miles. The families received the latest information on unaccounted-for servicemembers from World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam War. Included in that number, about 30 family members of unaccounted for Airmen met with members of the Air Force Personnel Center missing persons branch to get answers on their individual cases.

Jennifer Romero and Deanna Lisle attended their first family member update. The daughters tearfully expressed their appreciation for efforts to find their father, 1st Lt. Clyde Campbell. The A1J Skyraider pilot crashed while providing close air support of ground operations in Laos on March 1, 1969.

"It's incredible to see what people are doing to locate and bring home people like our father," said Ms. Romero. "We learned in our one-on-one session that (Army) Maj. Gen. (Montague) Winfield, commander of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting

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Jim Russell
missing persons branch chief

Command, is in Laos today asking about our case and two others."

"Accounting for our missing servicemembers is truly a mission of heart," said Jim Russell, missing persons branch chief.

"All you have to do is look at a family member's facial expression – you immediately know what this means to them," he said. "Our main purpose is to be there as a liaison between the families and the Air Force and U.S. government. Through this work, we answer questions and channel information to and from the families to keep everyone up to date on efforts to account for their loved ones."

Throughout the day, DoD experts provided information on specific activities to locate those missing from the Korean and Vietnam wars. Detailed maps showed prisoner-of-war camps, battle locations and other possible sites of

American dead. Family members received briefings on the latest artifact analysis and DNA testing capabilities to help experts in the identification process. Other experts spoke about ongoing dialogue with North Korean, Chinese or Vietnamese officials to open up access to recovery locations within the former war zones.

Sometimes those talks produce rapid results such as discussions between U.S. and Chinese officials in 2003 that allowed a DoD team to locate and investigate the crash site of Capt. Troy Cope's F-86 Sabre Jet that was shot down Sept. 16, 1952.

"The DoD team found the crash site through the assistance of a person who witnessed my uncle's crash 52 years ago. It's hard to believe a witness would turn up after all this time," said Chris Cope, nephew of Captain Cope.

A DoD recovery team returned in May 2004, and began the detailed process to unearth and document each item of the crash site. Rather than wait at home for news of the recovery, Chris flew to China to witness first hand the recovery team's progress.

Having realized the closure all these families seek; Mr. Cope, along with other family members and friends, is planning a celebration to welcome home his uncle and a funeral prior to Captain Cope's burial at the Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery over the Memorial Day weekend.

"When Captain Cope is finally laid to rest, his burial will be the most stirring reminder to all American families that the Air Force and their Defense Department brethren will continue their efforts to bring all servicemembers home," said Maj. Gen. Tony Przybyslawski, AFPC commander.

Job fair offered for military

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

More than 100 companies will attend the Semi-Annual San Antonio Military Community Job Fair March 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Live Oak Civic Center, located at 8101 Pat Booker Road.

The fair is sponsored by local military installation transition assistance and career focus programs including Randolph.

"The job fair attracts a wide range of local and out of state companies and government agencies," said Fae Simmons, Randolph transition assistance program manager. "It is a good opportunity for those seeking employment to get some exposure. There should be something to suit everyone's interests."

The employers who participate in this popular fair are specifically looking for individuals with

the kind of skills a military member offers, said Ms. Simmons. If a servicemember has six months or less left in the military, they should make every effort to attend.

Ms. Simmons said this is also a great opportunity for people new to the area to see what local employers are offering.

The fair is open to all transitioning active duty military, family members, retirees, veterans and Department of Defense civilians. There is no charge or entry requirement.

"Even if you are undecided about a career choice, attending the job fair provides a great way to research a career by simply listening to company representatives talk about their company and its products," said Ms. Simmons.

For more information, call the family support center at 652-5321, or visit <http://www.taonline.com> and follow the prompts to "Job Fairs." A list of employers who are attending the job fair is available at the family support center.

Common Access Cards require updating

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The Department of Defense common access cards, formerly known as ID cards, were issued in 2002 with a three-year automatic expiration date.

That expiration date is approaching for many Randolph cardholders.

Normally the CAC must be renewed within 30 days of its expiration date, but that short window will cause considerable congestion in the military personnel customer servcie facility.

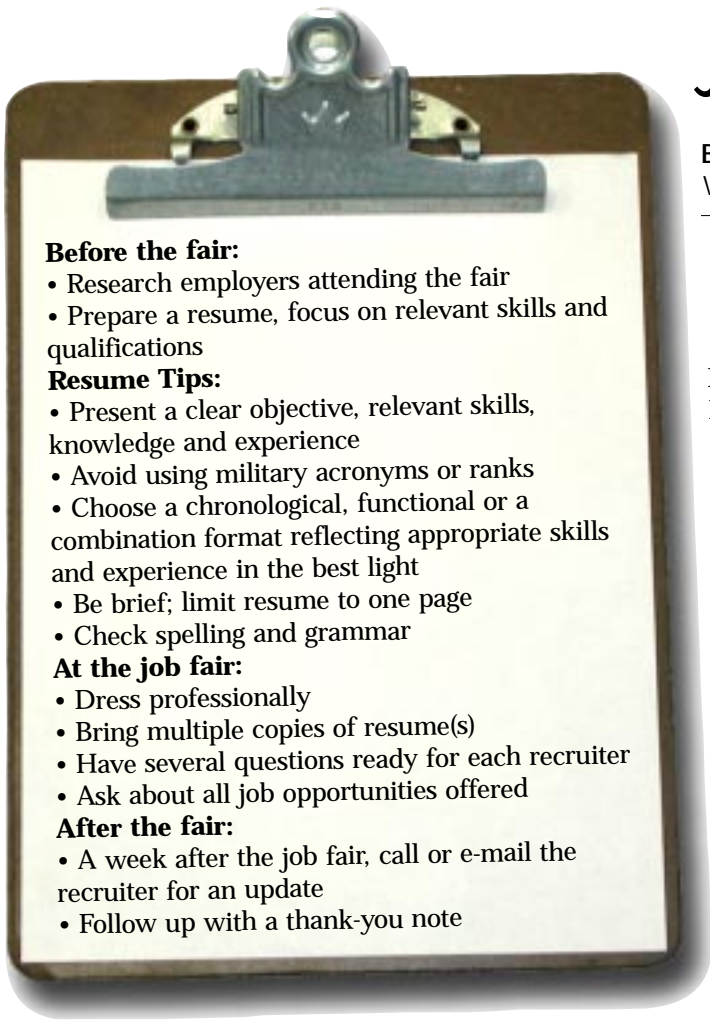
DoD has granted an extension of the renewal window to 60 days.

Members must schedule an appointment to renew a CAC by e-mailing the base military personnel flight by at 12mss.customer-service@randolph.af.mil and providig the number of ID cards required and a telephone number to be contacted.

Requests will be answered within 24 hours. When renewing family member cards, the servicemember must be present to sign the application forms.



Photo illustration by Tech. Sgt. Mark Borosch



- Before the fair:**
- Research employers attending the fair
 - Prepare a resume, focus on relevant skills and qualifications
- Resume Tips:**
- Present a clear objective, relevant skills, knowledge and experience
 - Avoid using military acronyms or ranks
 - Choose a chronological, functional or a combination format reflecting appropriate skills and experience in the best light
 - Be brief; limit resume to one page
 - Check spelling and grammar
- At the job fair:**
- Dress professionally
 - Bring multiple copies of resume(s)
 - Have several questions ready for each recruiter
 - Ask about all job opportunities offered
- After the fair:**
- A week after the job fair, call or e-mail the recruiter for an update
 - Follow up with a thank-you note

Command center on duty 24/7

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

"If you need to know the pulse of action on the base, this is the place to find it. We never close."

Master Sgt. Haydgel Jones, 12th Flying Training Wing command center superintendent, should know about command post operations. He's been in command posts for most of his career and was even an instructor at the technical school at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., where students learn how to operate command centers.

The command center on Randolph is different from those on many other bases, Sergeant Jones said. It serves as the command post for Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, 19th Air Force, Air Force Personnel Center, as well as the 12th FTW and all the tenant units on base. In addition, the center is responsible for disseminating important information to 13 AETC bases around the country.

All these responsibilities make the center a great place to work, said Maj. Chris Amenta, center director.

"We have 18 Airmen assigned, all of whom work shifts to keep this center operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," he said. "There is never less than two people here, even in the middle of a holiday night. It's an exciting place for young Airmen to learn about Air Force operations."

The center, located in the Taj Mahal, Building 100, recently underwent several months of refurbishing. It occupies rooms that, in the original building configuration, were used as a finance office and a photography darkroom.

Today, a new \$250,000 communications system quickly connects the controllers with all the key people on the base and with higher headquarters.

"Whenever you see one of the local unit commanders taking calls on a handheld radio, that call originated from here," Sergeant Jones explained.

Any emergency that affects the base will involve the people in the center, whether it is during an exercise or in real life. There is a conference room where the Crisis Action Team can gather when necessary to command and control any crisis. There is even a computer specialist assigned to the team to ensure all the systems stay on line all the time.

"This job is never the same, one day to the next," said Senior Airman Jeff Jordan, one of the command post specialists here. "We can be very busy and there are times when it's really quiet. But I enjoy the atmosphere. It has really made me stretch my skills."

He listed some of the tasks the team handles during a duty shift. The team monitors radio traffic related to police, fire and in flight emergencies, he said. They keep track of senior officials and distinguished visitors on base. They



Senior Airman Jeffrey Jordan, 12th Flying Training Wing command center, checks some of the new communications equipment in the base command center. (Photo by Steve White)

prepare the daily significant events e-mails and brief the wing commander on the status of resources on the base.

"These are all routine things for us but the pace really picks up when exercises kick in," said Airman Jordan, who has been assigned to the center for three years. "But that's what makes this job interesting."

As command post controllers, the team members are required to alert base personnel and implement war plans. Emergency action procedures are normally initiated at Air Staff or major command levels, but the

command center team relays those messages to the appropriate officials. This means they must be familiar with unit missions and the status of unit resources throughout AETC to determine what is appropriate in any given situation.

"Our people have to be ready to make important decisions quickly," Major Amenta said. "They're trained to recognize situations, implement procedures, and follow through for as long as an emergency lasts. That's asking a lot of these Airmen, but they're up to the challenge."

Small operation, big mission

415th Flight Test Flight has unique tasking

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

"Lexus 11. Cleared for take off. Unrestricted climb approved."

It sounds so routine to hear the tower operator clear another aircraft for take off, but this is hardly a routine flight. Without successful completion of this flight, that aircraft will not be available for missions in a training squadron.

"Lexus" is the call sign of the 415th Flight Test Flight at Randolph, a small tenant organization that few people on base know about. The unit has been on base since 2001 and includes nine Air Force Reservists and one civilian.

Lt. Col. Jack "Gogs" Morawiec, 415th FLTF commander, modestly describes the flight as a "low risk functional check flight" of a T-38. We do those kinds of flights every day, he said.

He went on to say the primary mission of the 415th FLTF is to perform

functional flight checks on all T-38 aircraft undergoing depot level modifications or repairs. This is no small task since it involves all existing T-38s in the fleet.

Lear Siegler, Inc., is the contractor tasked with performing this work. Currently they are working on propulsion modification program upgrades on all the Air Force T-38s, as well as unscheduled major repairs.

In fiscal year 2004, the 415th flew a total of 613 sorties with its five assigned pilots.

The 415th also picks up the T-38s needing depot-level repairs or modifications from bases around the country and delivers them again when LSI finishes the required work.

Maj. Rodney "Hoops" Green, 415th FLTF operations officer, explained what is involved in a typical functional flight check. Because the aircraft have just undergone major repairs or modification, the pre-flight inspection is done with particular attention to the affected components. "Our pilots are specifically briefed on maintenance accomplished and any previous problems that may

have been reported for that particular aircraft," he said.

Once airborne, Major Green said, we check out the full range of the aircraft control systems before pressing on to a 500 knot run in a military operations area in South Texas where the airspace is reserved for that purpose. We check out the plane's maximum climb capabilities, which means up to 40,000 feet, and also supersonic operations. Then we check afterburner operations at high altitude to test engine reliability. We shut down the engines and re-start them in flight to ensure that in-flight emergencies can be handled.

While all T-38 squadrons have a few pilots qualified to fly FCF missions, it is not their usual duty. "In the 415th, this is our primary mission," said Colonel Morawiec, "so we are especially in tune to the way it feels when things are not quite right and can make recommendations for more work."

"We have our own life support technicians, but they receive excellent support from the 560th Flying Training Squadron, the other T-38 squadron on base," the Colonel added. "In fact, we've



Maj. James Chapman, 415th Flight Test Flight, pre-flights a T-38C after it has received the propulsion modernization program. (Photo by Steve White)

always received great support from everyone in the 12th Flying Training Wing."

"Our job is to ensure AETC receives quality aircraft after major modifications or repair. We feel this is a very rewarding and important mission that we are proud to be a part of," said Major Green.

HAWC offers two new classes to base

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Health and Wellness Center is adding two new classes to their variety of workshops. Starting this month, a pre-diabetes class and a weight management program for children will be offered to the base.

“After looking at the classes we already offer here, we wanted to see what topics people were concerned with, and start classes geared towards that,” said Pat Aguon, HAWC director.

The pre-diabetes class was developed for people whose blood sugar level is higher than normal, but not high enough for a diabetes diagnosis. About seven million people in the United States have this condition, said 2nd Lt. Catherine Bullard, dietician intern who will teach the class on base.

“Studies show that most people with pre-diabetes will develop Type 2 diabetes within 10 years,” said the lieutenant. “With proper education, people who fall into this risk group have the opportunity to delay or even prevent the start of diabetes.”

The pre-diabetes class will help people bring healthy lifestyle habits into their life, she added.

Though the main topic of the class is pre-diabetes, the overall theme focuses on proper nutrition and good health. Topics include a detailed explanation of the various food groups, proper portion control, fad diets, supplements, exercise and, most importantly, how to fit a healthy lifestyle into a busy one, said Lieutenant Bullard.

“It is not necessary for an individual to have pre-diabetes or even be at risk for diabetes, to attend the workshop,” added the lieutenant. “The theme is healthy living, so, whether a person is at risk or just wants to learn more about healthy living, they are welcome to sign up.”

The class offers people a chance to change their lives, said Lieutenant Bullard. Using tools such as education and healthy lifestyle tips, people can change their risk for diabetes.

The class starts March 23 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

“Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy You” is a class established to teach youth and their families about how to deal with weight management concerns in an effective way.

The class is offered to youth ages 10-17 and their family members.

“The class is geared towards youth, but parents are asked to attend as well, since they play an important

role in their child’s behavior, decisions and lifestyle,” said 1st Lt. Kristina Thern, dietician intern who will teach the first class.

Topics covered in the class include the food guide pyramid, building self-esteem, meal planning for home and school, healthy food selections, exercise routines and goal setting.

“The class provides families with the tools they need to develop healthy lifestyles in a fun and interactive way,” added Lieutenant Thern. “If parents and their children work together, the goals they set will be easier to accomplish. Parents play a vital role in the weight management of their children.”

Health risks associated with being overweight at a young age include high blood pressure, Type 2 Diabetes, high cholesterol, heart disease and strokes, just to name a few. There is a huge need to educate families of overweight children, said the lieutenant. Weight control is a family issue that requires a family solution.

The class is March 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Military members, civilians, spouses and family members are welcome to attend the two new classes at the HAWC.

For more information or to sign-up, call 652-2300.

FSC workshops help child development

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The Randolph Family Support Center offers six free parenting workshops for parents expecting a child or who have children up to age 4.

The workshops, entitled Precious Minds Parenting Initiative, is scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays for three weeks beginning March 28 from 4-6 p.m. at the child development center annex, Building 734.

The workshop course content is designed to help parents support their child’s development. It is based on scientific research about brain development and how a baby’s brainpower can be enhanced, said Chris Morrow, the base family life education consultant.

Meg Walker, a registered nurse at the Randolph New Parent Support Program, and Ms. Morrow present the workshops. Parents can register or get more information by calling Ms. Morrow at 652-5321,

extension 236.

The workshops also provide information about infant and early childhood developmental stages and behaviors, plus parenting skills that promote positive behavior. The class format includes activities that encourages parents to interact with each other as well as the facilitators, said Ms. Morrow.

Parents must attend at least five of the six workshops to receive a certificate of completion. Free childcare is provided during the workshops at the CDC annex. Door prizes are also awarded and dinner is served at the end of each workshop.

“I encourage all expectant parents and parents with children up to age 4 to register for this free workshop,” said Ms. Morrow. “The combination of a great workshop curriculum, free child care, free food and an opportunity to meet with other parents of young children is hard to beat!”

The workshops are sponsored by Boysville through a grant from the Kronkosky Charitable Foundation.

Women’s History Month events

The events for the base’s observance of Women’s History Month have been re-scheduled. The following is the revised event listing:

- **Monday**
“Survival of the Fittest” - A seminar celebrating self defense and self-esteem
Guest Speakers: San Antonio Police Officer Wyman Herring, along with educator, literary and performing artist Olga Samples Davis.
Heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the enlisted club
Tickets are \$10
For tickets, call Deborah Stone at 652-6324 or Dana Woods at 652-4403, ext. 2
- **March 18**
Women’s Health Forum
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the officers’ club
For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Woodruff at 652-1996
- **March 22-23**
Children’s Story Hour
10-11 a.m. at the library
For more information, call 1st Lt. Alejandra Czerniak at 652-4770
- **March 28**
Women’s History Month Luncheon and “Attire that Hires” Fashion Show
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at enlisted club
Tickets are \$12
For more information, call Dana Woods at 652-4403, ext. 2
- **March 31**
Professional and Self-Development Seminar
8 a.m. to noon at the family support center
For more information, call Deborah Stone at 652-6324

25th Anniversary Women’s History Month coins are available for purchase for \$6. To purchase a coin, call Dana Woods.

Program offers subsidized child care to Guard, Reserve

By Samantha Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Department of Defense officials have joined forces with national agencies to help Guard and Reserve families in finding and affording child care while a parent is deployed supporting the war on terrorism.

“Child care, as you know, is one of the top (concerns) voiced by families as well as by commands on what’s needed,” said Jan Witte, director of the Pentagon’s office of children and youth. Her staff monitors the new program, dubbed Operation Military Child Care.

DOD officials, who are working with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, designed this initiative to benefit those who do not live near military installations, Ms. Witte said.

“We have a contract with (the association) to assist us in finding spaces outside the military community for those Guard and Reserve (servicemembers) who are deployed and active-duty (people) who are not near a military installation,” she said. “We also hope

to assist in reducing the out-of-pocket expense to the servicemember.”

When a parent is deployed, she said, the remaining parent may discover that child care is something the couple had not had to think of before. And need is not the only consideration. The extra expense can be shocking.

While Mr. Witte’s office does not fully subsidize child care, it does work to reduce the financial burden, she said. The fees are based on a sliding scale that takes into consideration total family income and the care provider’s actual cost, among other things.

To take part in the program, a family member can apply through the association on the operation’s Web site or by calling toll-free at (800) 424-2246. The child-care provider also must apply – an important step because of how the subsidy is paid out, Ms. Witte said.

“The subsidy goes to the program, not to the individual,” she said.

The program officially kicked off March 3, but has been operational as a pilot program since November, Ms. Witte said. About 40 families have completed the application process.

“We feel like this is one area to provide assistance for the total force,” she said. “We had not been doing much prior to this time for the Guard and Reserve as far as child care and school-age programs have gone.”

She said the new program could get about 5,000 Guard and Reserve servicemembers’ children into child care.

But that number could fluctuate if there is a change in the funding, she said, which comes in the form of supplemental funding through Congress. Congress has funded the program for \$7 million, Ms. Witte said, though officials hope to expand the program in the future to try and accommodate some of the 38,000 children of active-duty servicemembers in need of child care.

The association also supports Guard and Reserve servicemembers through a program called Operation Child Care. It is a voluntary program that provides up to six hours of free child care to Guard and Reserve families whose deployed servicemember is returning home for rest and recuperation.

“(The association) felt it was service back to the nation to thank the servicemembers for their sacrifices,” Ms. Witte said.

Sports and Fitness

Ro-Hawk powerlifter going to state

By Alan Becker
Wingspread contributor

A Randolph High School powerlifter is moving on to the state championship competition after winning the silver medal at the March 5 powerlifting meet in Kingsville, Texas.

Powerlifter Jamonyca Wilson, a junior, finished in second place advancing her to the state competition in Killeen, Texas.

Wilson also set a new regional deadlift record for the 165-pound class at 365 pounds, according to Miles Cabra, RHS powerlifting coach.

“Many powerlifting coaches were shocked that Randolph

qualified only one lady going to the regional competition because they performed so well as a team,” said Mr. Cabra. “This is a good statement that athletes from a small school can do well against larger schools when they work hard.”

The teams competed against schools in the Class 5A rankings as a Class 2A school.

“Pound for pound this was the best girl’s team effort in several years,” said the coach.

Both Ro-Hawks powerlifting teams had a very successful season, said Mr. Cabra.

“This year the girl’s team won two first place and a second place trophy and the boy’s team won a second place and two third place trophies.”



Jamonyca Wilson shows her strength lifting 365-pounds in the dead lift earning her the title of “Best Lady Lifter” at the San Marcos Baptist Academy powerlifting competition Feb. 19. (courtesy photo)